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Ouch!

County faces big hike in insurance premiums

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

"Don't shoot the messenger," Paul Dorman said as he passed around copies of the county's insurance claim history at Wednesday's county council meeting.

"I have not got great news," the county's insurance broker added by way of explaining his trepidation about making a presentation about this year's insurance costs.

The county will have to pay \$41,000 more in insurance premiums even though its coverage is going to be reduced.

But even though that represents a 30 per cent increase in costs, it could be worse, Dorman said. Other counties are facing much higher costs.

The premium is based on the county's history of claims. Although there are several claims on the books, only one is considered major. Three years ago the county's insurers had to pay out \$400,000 in a claim following an accident. "It will be gone in a few years but it throws the whole thing out of whack," Dorman said.

While most coverage will remain the same, Dorman's company was able to find only one carrier willing to take on providing insurance for medical malpractice for paramedics. Last year Dorman was able to slip in the county's \$20-million liability coverage but this year he was only able to find one company willing to provide

A thrilling sport

The luge track on Redstone Lake Rd. is open by invitation this year and Kurt Herzog (pictured) is eager to teach young people the sport of luge. He believes the Olympics are in the future of any young person who has the drive and will.

CAO Gary King leaving county

MURTHA PERKINS
Editor

The man described as Haliburton County's best CAO will be taking his skills to another county next month.

Gary King has accepted the job as Peterborough County's CAO, effective February 20.

"He's an intense CAO who gave a lot of good leadership," said Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey after King's resignation was accepted, with regret, at Wednesday's county council meeting.

"He's a great CAO and we're going to miss him dearly," said Highlands East Reeve Keith Tallman while Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Jim McMahon said King was the best CAO he's worked with during his 15 years on council.

"Gary's very helpful," Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison added.

"If you wanted his expertise on any issue, he was available."

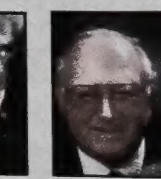
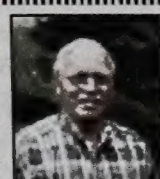
"He did a tremendous job on special programs," said Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney.

Looking back on his three years with Haliburton County, King says he's proud of the role he played on several large projects, especially Connect Haliburton. He spent

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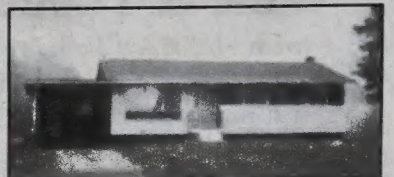
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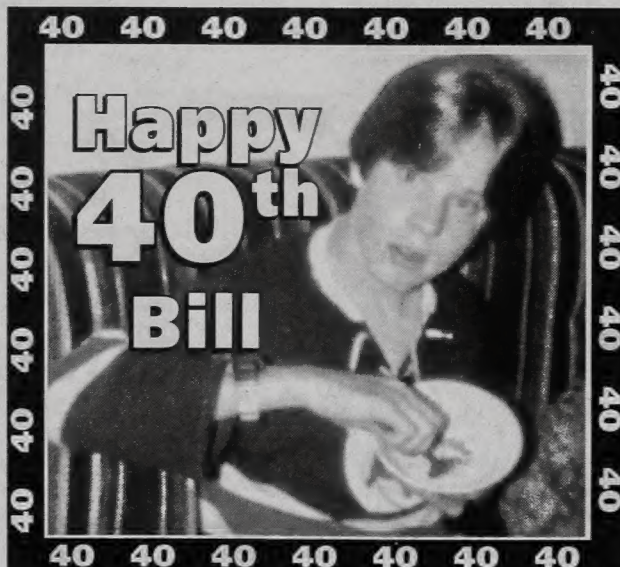
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news and events worth noting

Good points lost if letters unsigned

Last week the Echo received two letters to the editor which were unsigned. The writers had some really good points to make and we would have loved to print the letters; however, we cannot publish any contributions which aren't signed. If you have opinions to share with our readers, please ensure your letters are signed.

The National Cell Phone Recycling Program has been launched by Pitch-In Canada to assist in ensuring that millions of old cell phones are either reused or recycled. It's expected that as many as 60 million cell phones will be recycled by 2005. The program works by enlisting the help of school groups and organizations who collect the phones, ship them off postage paid and then get a cheque for the number of phones they recycle. Meanwhile, cell phone handset will be refurbished or remanufactured and sent to emerging countries where the price of a new cell is unaffordable to most people. The phones are also provided, at no cost, to other Canadians in situations where there is an economic necessity for both safety and communications. Phones and batteries that cannot be reused are recycled to recover metals and plastics. To find out more about this initiative as well as how to get materials to participate in Pitch-In Day, go to www.pitch-in.ca.

This month canvassers from the Heart and Stroke Foundation will be going door-to-door seeking donations to help in the fight against Canada's number one killers. If you are missed and want to make a donation, you can call 1-888-HHS-INFO (1-888-447-4636.)

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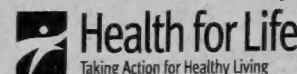
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Clean water: at what price?

Wilberforce faces \$1 million cost for new wells

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Residents of Wilberforce loudly rejected the \$1 million option for treating uranium levels in the village's water supply. The idea was presented by Highlands East's consultant at a recent public meeting.

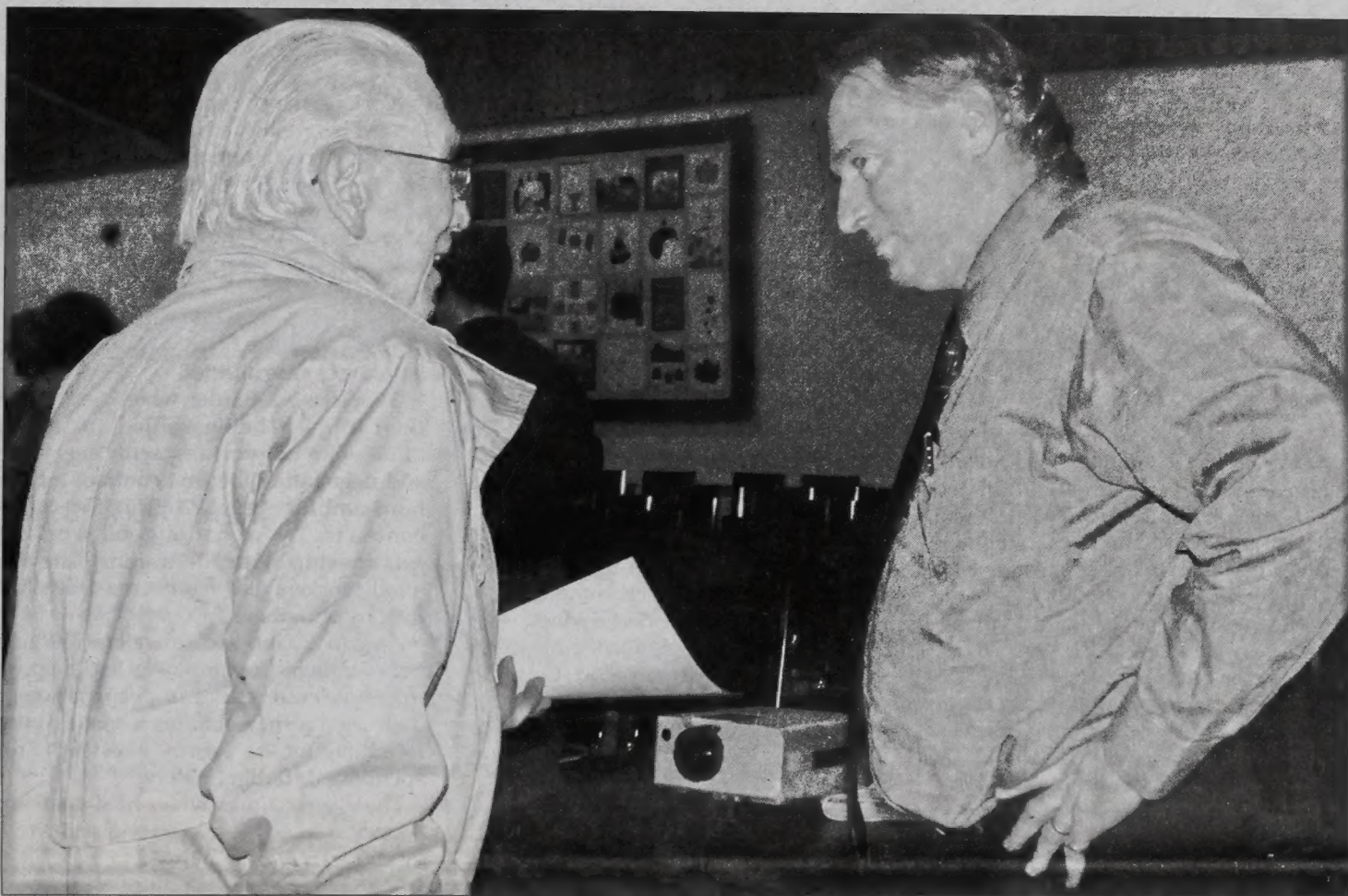
Brad Kalus, a consultant from Greer Galloway Group, outlined work that has been happening in the ground and behind the scenes in relation to the Wilberforce well to more than 80 people who attended the meeting. An engineering report was completed in 2001 and subsequently a chlorination system was installed to treat the water in the existing artesian well on Well Street off of Holme Street. In 2002, the Ministry of the Environment tested the water and under new regulations in the Safe Water Drinking Act, found an unacceptable level of uranium in the water system servicing five homes, four businesses and four municipal buildings. The MOE ordered the municipality to lower the uranium levels.

The municipality contracted Kalus to develop a plan to bring the water system into compliance with the order. At the meeting Kalus discussed the seven options his firm examined and the way those options were evaluated. Criteria used in the comparison of options were capital cost, maintenance costs, social/economic impact for the users and opportunity for future expansion.

The first option is to abandon the existing well. Kalus said this would be cheap but another water source would have to be found and the municipality would be legally obligated to continue providing water to the homes and businesses reliant on the existing well. They could treat the well for the uranium but Kalus says it would be cost prohibitive. Kalus said he looked at using another high yield well such as the All Star Cafe's but discovered it wasn't feasible. Another water source considered was lake water but it would be too expensive to treat.

The fifth option generated an emotional response at the meeting and that was to drill new wells for the homes and businesses affected and run the municipal buildings from water available on municipal property. Kalus says the option was rejected because it didn't provide for future expansion of the water system. Reeve Keith Tallman says the new wells would still be considered by the MOE as a municipal water system subject to strict restrictions that would not apply to neighbouring homes with private wells. Tallman said he is sure new wells for the homes would also have uranium in them.

The sixth option was to drill a new production high yield well and construct a water treatment plant. Kalus says it could be very expensive trying to find that well. That left his preferred option, number seven, which is to blend a known "clean" source of water on municipal property with the water from the artesian well and then pump that water through a water treatment plant and new distribution sys-



Brad Kalus, Greer Galloway Group consultant for Highlands East, talks to residents about plans for a new water distribution system in Wilberforce.

tem.

The proposed plant and mixing center would go behind the ball diamond in Wilberforce and wells would be drilled behind the curling club. To comply with the MOE order, the system would have to be operational by March 2005.

Kalus said a very rough estimate of the cost involved is \$200,000 for a water treatment plant, \$50,000 to construct an underground reservoir where water from the

to turn the questions from Kalus to council. Reid suggested the options presented by Kalus were evaluated by his firm's criteria and staff without input from the community. Kalus said council was kept current with the work his staff did and were part of the process but Reid did get him to agree that the preferred option seven was developed by experts and not council. Reid suggested council members will be making the final decision about a solution and

neering costs were also too high in Reid's opinion.

Reid also cautioned the audience that in other communities such as Keswick, once a municipal water piping system was established residents were forced to hook on at a \$2,000 to \$3,000 connection charge and then charged a sewer and water rate. Kalus said it was not council's intention at this time to force anyone to hook on but Reid insists that could change.

Reid's comments generated much clapping and support. Former councilor Gary Stoughton also spoke out against the proposal and said he would be a willing "ring leader" to ensure the proposal for option seven is turned down.

Mary Barker, resident, argued with Reeve Keith Tallman that Wilberforce did not need a water distribution system as proposed in option seven. She says Haliburton has managed without one and so could they. Her arguments were backed by resident Ken Sanderson who told council they should be spending a \$1 million on a new sewer system instead of a water distribution system. He said a better potable water system would not boost real estate values. Septic systems are also more important to the long-term health of the community, said Sanderson, who is convinced there is no evidence uranium causes cancer due to his experience in a uranium mine.

Rick Forget, councilor representing Monmouth and Wilberforce on Highlands East council, reminded people to submit their written comments by February 6 to Kalus or council.

Reeve Tallman commented after the meeting that although public favour seems to be in favour of drilling new wells for the affected businesses and homes, he remains unconvinced that is a viable solution. He says the council will have to work harder at communicating their message better.

Local cost at least \$316,000

two sources would be mixed, \$250,000 for treatment equipment, \$200,000 for water distribution piping, \$50,000 for a contingency fund and \$200,000 for engineering costs. The total cost is estimated at \$950,000 but Kalus agreed it was not unreasonable to expect this option to cost a \$1 million or more. The tab would be picked up in three equal parts by the federal, provincial and municipal governments. Highland East's share would be at least \$316,000.

The instant response to the numbers was angry grumbling. Many people expressed their unhappiness at using \$1 million of taxpayers money to service such a small number of homes and businesses. The crowd also seemed uninterested in the possibility of future expansion of the water system or the opportunity for piping to reach the school and other facilities.

Ron Reid, a resident and former construction project manager in the Greater Toronto Area, came to the front of the audience at the end of Kalus's presentation to quickly seize the floor. His comments were lengthy but polite and he asked the audience several times if anyone wanted him to sit down as he interrogated Kalus and council members, but was encouraged by the majority to continue.

The main thrust of Reid's comments was

should have been up front to answer questions instead of sitting amongst the audience.

"Consultants don't want anyone saying you made a mistake so they make Cadillac recommendation for the safest way (solution) possible. They won't risk error and omission insurance (claims)," Reid said, adding that option seven might be the best engineering answer but not the best answer for Highlands East taxpayers.

Reid said his concern with the preferred option of mixing water from two sources to lower the level of uranium from the artesian well to an acceptable amount in parts per million is that the MOE could lower the acceptable level. It has already dropped from 100 pp million to 20 pp million; the Wilberforce well has 27.2 pp. million. Kalus says the mix could be changed to correspond to new rules to further lower the level of uranium but the current proposed mix would halve the level of uranium.

Reid also argued the public were not being presented with good numbers. He said an average contingency fund is 20 per cent of the total project cost, 10 per cent for design and 10 per cent for construction which on \$900,000 would be \$180,000 not the \$50,000 suggested by Kalus. The engi-

County insurance costs jump more 30 per cent

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coverage, with a cap of \$10-million. This coverage will cost an additional \$8,000. "We're shopping it but this is the best we can get to date."

Dorman shared council's frustration about what's happening in the insurance industry. He recently talked to one woman who, after 20 years of incident-free driving, had to make a major claim on her car insurance. She was told to pay the cost herself rather than risk having her insurance company say it wouldn't insure her any more.

"Shame on these companies," said

Dorman, who added that this punitive approach is not what the insurance industry was designed for.

He offered the county a way of reducing its premium by \$5,000. If it agreed to a \$10,000 deductible for most claims instead of \$5,000, it could have the overall premium reduced.

However, CAO Gary King cautioned that any savings in premiums could quickly be eaten up by repeatedly paying out the larger deductible.

Council decided against raising its deductible. Its insurance cost for 2004 is \$166,728, up from last year's amount of \$125,504.

Timmins man charged in fatal crash near Dorset

A 46-year-old Timmins man has been charged with careless driving in connection with a collision on November 2, 2003 on Highway 35 near the village of Dwight that took the life of local hockey player Shaun Chapman, a 17-year-old from Burnt River.

The man was driving a 1992 Dodge pick-up truck southbound on Highway 35 and was making a left hand turn onto Poverty Lane. A northbound Chevrolet Celebrity collided with the truck. The driver of the Chevrolet, 17-year-old

Justin Ronald Symington, of Kinmount, sustained major injuries, however his passenger, Shaun, did not survive.

The truck's driver and another passenger in the truck, received minor injuries while a second passenger in the truck, a 50-year-old man from Port Sydney, sustained major injuries, according to an accident report from the Ontario Provincial Police.

The driver of the truck is scheduled to appear in court in Huntsville on February 6 to answer to the charge.

CAO's efforts praised

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weeks writing the request for funding to bring broadband technology to the Highlands and believed fervently in the project's merits.

"We took the lead to move Connect Haliburton forward and get the other partners to make financial commitments," he says. "We're at the 11th hour in terms of realizing high speed capabilities. It was two years of work and a lot of meetings."

He hopes the federal and provincial governments will announce funding this spring.

Work on the county's first official plan started before he arrived but he's helped carry it through to the approval process. He also brought previous experience with 911 to the table to help with the myriad of challenges of bringing the emergency phone services to the county.

As well as having a good rapport with councillors, King worked hard to ensure that his respect for his fellow county employees was mutual.

"People work harder when they know their input is being valued," he says. "I've enjoyed working with everyone and negotiating the first contract for the land ambulance, as well as the roads contracts. We've had a good working relationship with the unions. They're good workers and it's been a pleasure dealing with them."

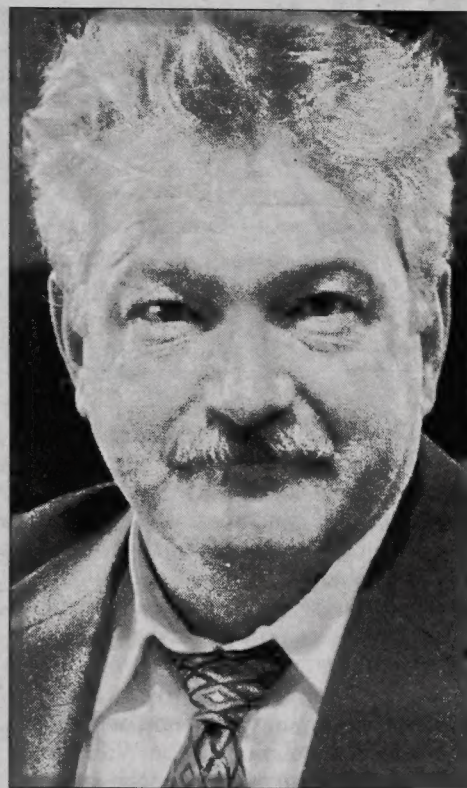
As CAO, King had to walk a fine line between being an employee and helping to guide councillors in accordance to their legal responsibilities when it comes to managing the county's services and spending its budget wisely.

There were times when he'd confront council if he felt it was wrong and while he did not involve himself in every discussion, he was not afraid of sharing his opinion when he felt it was warranted.

"At the end of the day the county has hired me to give the best recommendations given the circumstances at the time. I'm just wanting to make sure they have the best information before they make a decision. If you think they're wrong you should tell them at the outset because politicians don't like to hear

'you're wrong' after the fact."

Given the politics of council and the dynamics between individual members, the CAO must learn to read the subtexts of debates. "Read the signs of body language - it keeps you out of trouble," he



Gary King is leaving Haliburton County to become the CAO of Peterborough County.

laughs.

The move to Peterborough is a good one for both personal and professional reasons.

He grew up in Peterborough and his parents, brother and sister live there "so in a sense I'm going back to my roots, and that has real appeal to me."

What he likes about his new job is that they've given him the opportunity to get involved in economic development. "Economic development allows me to be more of a player - you're out there trying to make things happen. I like things happening."

He has agreed to council's request to help them find a replacement.



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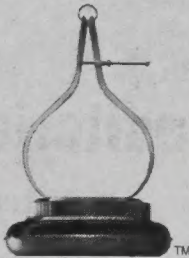
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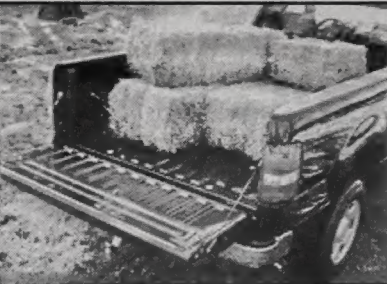
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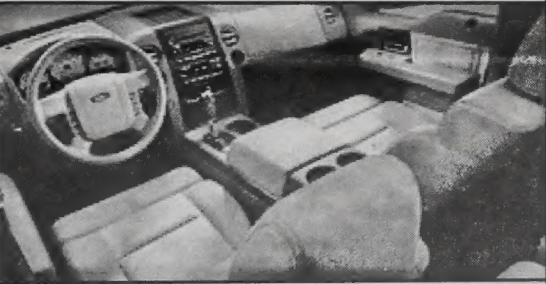
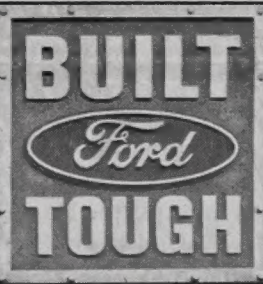
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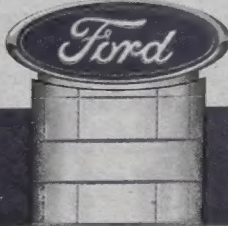
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Insurance rates: justified or a rip-off?

Haliburton County council is the latest local organization to confront the insurance rate crisis that is threatening to seriously damage the economy. At a meeting last week, council learned that its insurance premium would increase by \$41,000 this year, to \$160,728 from \$125,500 last year. The insurance underwriters' justification for an increase of more than 30 percent is the fact that three years ago, the company paid \$400,000 to settle a claim from an accident that occurred on a county road. The higher rate also includes an \$8,000 additional premium to provide \$10 million worth of medical malpractice insurance to cover ambulance service paramedics. Up to now, the county has had \$20 million coverage for its paramedics without an additional charge.

While the increase is punitive, frustrating and hugely out of line with other inflation-driven cost increases, it is far from unusual. In fact, as anyone who has renewed any form of insurance in the last few months knows, premiums are rising at an unprecedented and unsustainable rate. If the trend continues, insurance will become unaffordable for many individuals businesses and organizations.

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The factors driving these huge premium increases are multiple and complex. The perception that insurance companies are greedy is common but generally unjustified. No business, no matter how large or small, can lose money for long. If its costs exceed its revenues, it must, in some way, turn losses into profits or it will fail. In the past, insurance companies invested premiums in interest-bearing securities, and made money when rates of return exceeded claim payouts. Insurers have always claimed they paid out more in auto insurance claims than premiums generated. Other segments of their business were more profitable, and taken together, companies made money for their shareholders.

Today, the picture is markedly bleaker. Interest rates aren't likely to rise high enough to offset losses in the near future. It's also unlikely that the number and cost of claims will fall unless there are sweeping changes in court-awarded payments for various forms of accidents, until vehicle manufacturers reduce their huge markups on replacement parts, and until individuals help reduce the number of motor vehicle accidents by driving with more caution and common sense. When a cracked plastic bumper and a broken headlight assembly can cost \$2,000 to repair, every minor accident claim costs more than most people pay in annual premiums.

While rising premium costs should be an incentive for people to take a hard look at their driving habits, it's possible that many people have not yet confronted the consequences of minor accidents or traffic tickets. In the past, insurance companies took a reasonably tolerant approach, giving drivers a second chance without huge premium increases, and rewarding people who had good driving records with lower rates. Now, get one traffic ticket and have one minor accident and your insurer is likely to refuse to renew your policy at any price. Even a single speeding ticket can result in a substantial premium increase. If you lose coverage and have to seek it on the open market, expect to pay premiums many times higher than those you've had.

The insurance rate crisis hurts individuals, but as the county's experience shows, it has broader consequences. Higher premiums for public bodies means higher taxes for all of us. The small businesses on which the local economy depends may be forced out of business if rates outstrip their ability to pay. More and more drivers may be on the road without adequate, or any, insurance, putting other drivers at financial risk.

Some politicians argue that a public insurance scheme is the only way to deal with the crisis. This might reduce premiums, but the difference would have to come from taxpayers, so the apparent saving would be illusory.

It will take a concerted effort by a wide range of political bodies, insurers, vehicle manufacturers, an us, as drivers, to reduce costs and bring rate increases under control.

In the meantime, we can expect more huge premium increases, and rising taxes, to protect us from major claims.



Tombolton Road

Photo by Darren Lum

The school of hard water

With lake ice at the peak of its thickness, keeping auger blades sharp and using equipment efficiently is key to enjoying a day of winter fishing.

Unfortunately, many anglers disregard this simple advice. This results in the expenditure of unnecessary energy when out on the ice - energy that could be put to more creative use such as crazy-gluing an angler's snowmobile suit zippers shut whilst he dozes off in the ice hut.

That's why I'm offering a free ice fishing technique assessment seminar.

Consider it a public service to those who use this column for reading material or otherwise. It's my way of repaying you for all the "great secret lakes, several miles off the beaten path" that you've directed me to over the years.

Of course, a seminar like this could not be done anywhere but in the great outdoors. In fact, if it is to be effective at all, the assessment should be done over your very best fishing grounds. That way I can evaluate auger performance in actual field conditions, that are meaningful to you.

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whereby you'll ladle hot beef stew from your thermos straight into my soup bowl. From there, you'll be amazed by the advanced ladling techniques that I'll demonstrate as I spoon the stew into my mouth. All in the name of outdoors education my friends.

But, what good is an ice fishing hole if you don't use it correctly? That's why I'll also throw in some professional instruction on rigging minnows and setting tip-ups. Under my advanced

tutelage, you'll actually rig live minnows onto my hooks for me while I point out what you are doing right - and wrong. And because I know that people only learn through tedious repetition, you'll continue doing this throughout the entire fishing day, on demand, whenever I ring the bell.

Did I say day? Well yes. This incredible instructional extravaganza will last throughout the fishing day - right from the time you pick me up in the morning through the hot shore lunch you've prepared and well into the

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I know I'm giving a lot here but it's just my nature. I guarantee we'll cover so much that, by the end of the day, you'll be tired from all the learning.

Which reminds me: don't forget to bring the crazy glue.

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KATE WASN'T ENTIRELY sure what to expect as she walked up the steps toward the door. She had never been to Joan's place. This weekend retreat had been her friends' idea and Kate had gone along with it as much for a change of scene as to be with her pals. The house was tucked at the end of a long, tree-lined laneway not far from town. One of Kate's friends had known Joan for years, so when she made her spacious home into a retreat centre, it was decided to support her new venture.

But Kate wasn't comfortable around strangers and in addition to Joan, there would be other guests. Ah well, she told herself, opening the door and stepping right into the kitchen/dining room, nothing ventured ...

It turned out Joan had, in addition to five acres and lots of rooms, a menagerie of animals that mingled with the company as it pleased. In fact, a young family from the city had brought their two small dogs along, knowing from past experience that Joan's was both child and pet-friendly. Once Kate noted the cats and dogs, she immediately felt more at home. An animal lover herself, her own four-footed brood had been left in good hands for the weekend.

Once Kate had settled in, she joined her friends exploring the

property on snowshoes and cross-country skis. The trees were laden with snow, the sky a sharp blue and their breaths frosty bright as they wound their way through unfamiliar and beautiful country. Later they all sat down to a huge meal pot-lucked and plentiful and finished off the evening with card games and reading.

Kate could hardly wait to put her head down, the winter day activities having left her bone-weary but happily so. It took no effort whatsoever to fall asleep, a glimpse of moonlight through the window her last thought before drifting off. Before she knew it, her annoying watch, still set for her workday, was calling it's seven o'clock alarm. While her roommate didn't even stir, Kate heard muffled sounds downstairs and so decided to get up and see who else was awake this Sunday morning.

Of course she should have known it would be Joan. Being the paid host, it was only natural she would be doing some breakfast preparations. Her ready smile greeted Kate as she entered the kitchen, indicating the freshly brewed coffee with a nod of her head as she continued to count out eggs.

It turned out to be a wonderful opportunity to get to know Joan a little better. After the usual where-are-you-from and how-long-have-you-been-living-here questions, they began talking about their pets. Joan said she had six cats as well as her dog, but one cat Kate would not see this weekend. The cat was January and she came with a story.

A few years before, Joan had been driving along a slushy road close to her home, when she noticed the truck ahead of her veer around a pile of slush. Wondering why the driver had done that, Joan quickly realized - and just in time - that the pile of slush was in fact a cat: very thin, very weak and just about ready to die. Joan took her coat and wrapped it around the poor creature, carrying it back to her car. She had never seen a cat in such bad shape.

As soon as they got into the warm vehicle, the animal stirred itself enough to sniff Joan's face, as if seeking a familiar scent. Then it rested its head in the crook of her neck and Joan's heart just ached for the pathetic thing.

When she arrived home, she placed it in a small box with a wool blanket and brought it into the house. Placing the box on her kitchen counter, she opened a can of soft dog food and gently gave it some. From its mouth came a feeble, high pitched cry. Then an odd thing happened. The others animals - five cats and a German Shepherd, all came into the kitchen to investigate. They formed a semi-circle around Joan and this crying, half-dead cat, their silent faces turned upward as they watched Joan carefully feeding small amounts to one on the counter.

For five days the cat, which Joan had named January, divided its time between sleeping in its box in front of the woodstove and taking the few steps to eat. Sleep and eat, sleep and eat in a safe, warm place. For it was totally safe. Despite the other animals, there was an instant acceptance of the newcomer without the usual jockeying for position in the family hierarchy. Space was given and peace reigned throughout.

Aside from the tip of one ear lost to frostbite, the cat made an amazing recovery. The vet later told Joan that, given the shape of the cat, it must have pulled itself onto the roadway in a last ditch effort to be either rescued or killed. For if it had not been picked up when Joan came along, it certainly would not have lasted another day.

Kate was quite moved by the story, picturing the events unfold as Joan relayed them. While she knew her curiosity about January's appearance would have to remain unsatisfied, she was glad that she had been enquiring enough to take this weekend retreat. Stepping out of one's usual pathway, Kate reflected, can sometimes lead to surprising new acquaintances.



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pic of the past

This week's pic of the past was first published in 1976, and we're reprinting it this week because one of the young people in it, Gordon Logan, fifth from left in the front row, died recently and a brief obituary for him appeared on the classified pages of last week's issue. The photo shows the Form 4 class of Haliburton Public School and was taken October 18, 1935. Mr. Logan was always known as Ray locally. He was born in Haliburton and went to public and high school here. He was a good athlete in hockey, softball and golf. Shortly after leaving high school he joined the RCAF. He was trained as a Wireless Air Gunner and held the rank of Sergeant. He was posted to Bomber Command and completed 30 missions over enemy territory. He was back in Canada when the war ended. He was among the first WWII veterans to join Branch 129 of the Royal Canadian Legion. When the Legion purchased the Biagi house on York Street in 1945 for its club rooms, Mr. Logan was steward and caretaker. He was one of the star hockey players for the Haliburton Huskies. He left Haliburton some time in the 1950s. Our thanks to Don Johnson of Haliburton for the information and a clipping of the published photo.

letters to the editor

Community supports sports

To the Editor:

After reading Barney Wilson's letter to the editor on Jan 20th I felt compelled to respond. As the Silverstick Regional Tournament director for the Highland Storm Minor Hockey Association I was cut by his remarks about our service clubs, politicians and supposed lack of support by our community.

The Atom "AE" Silverstick Tournament was not hosted by Haliburton but by the Highland Storm Minor Hockey Association which includes Minden. This tournament was held in both villages on Dec. 20 and Dec. 21, 2003. Yes the Atom "AE" parents and coaches helped run their regional tourney as did the PeeWee "AE", Bantam "AE" and Midget "AE" parents and coaches also for their respective tournaments. The Silverstick committee was very thankful for all their volunteer work in hosting these tournaments.

To suggest that our communities do not support our young athletes is totally wrong. More than 50 businesses and service clubs sponsor not only minor hockey but other associations every year. Our local municipalities only charge half price for ice rentals which by the way is the best deal in Ontario. The Highland Storm Minor Hockey Association did help the Atom "AE" team financially on their trip to Pelham. To blame our local politicians is also wrong as they did not organize these tournaments other than making ice available for our use. Actually one of our more prominent politicians donated money to the team out of his own pocket for their trip.

In the 13 years I have volunteered for minor

hockey I have never seen gift exchanging at tournaments. If you are pointing blame for Atom "AE" team members not having gifts to hand out then I am the one responsible. I am sorry I lost the clairvoyant part of my brain. Not to worry because we are in the process of getting Highland Storm pins made which we will send to the teams that faced our Atoms in the Pelham tournament. After hearing about the Atom "AE" team's dilemma the Chamber of Commerce gave Haliburton County pins to our Bantam rep team who went to an International Silverstick Final in Port Huron, Michigan. Seems like we were not alone on this trading gift thing as only one of the four teams gave our Bantams back something. At least we know for next year.

After the tournament in Pelham where our Atom team represented us with pride, one of the coaching staff expressed to me that the tournament was the experience of a lifetime for their players and parents and thanked our minor hockey association for organizing these Silverstick tournaments. Having attended all four of our Silverstick regionals this winter I had more than 100 people from visiting teams compliment our communities for their hospitality and youth support stating that they would love to come back.

Yes we are supportive, yes we are proud of our sports teams win or lose, and yes we live in the absolute best part of God's green earth and I am darn proud to be from Haliburton. How about you Barney?

Wade McInnes
Haliburton

Homework load inappropriate

To the Editor:

I have two children who attend Stuart Baker Elementary School. Stuart Baker is a wonderful school that has a group of very dedicated and caring teachers. These teachers are expected to follow the guidelines outlined in the "new curricu-

lum" for our public schools.

As part of this curriculum children are expected to bring home homework from the time they start junior kindergarten at age four. The school policy states that children should be doing 10 to 40 min-

See **Parents** page 11



Skiers and snowboarders were out on the slopes after the large snow storm during the middle of last week. See page 10 for photo.

Hockey tournament gives its best to 4C's



DARREN LUM/Echo

The 6th annual Haliburton County Home Builders hockey tournament drew 210 competitors to the Dysart et al Arena. The weekend long tournament, starting on Friday, Jan. 30, had 18 teams coming from the Highlands, London, Toronto, Durham, Peterborough, Ottawa, and Muskoka.

The tournament's charity game between the Home

Builders' All-stars and the Moose FM team had close to 100 spectators at the rink on Saturday night. It raised several hundred dollars for the Haliburton 4C's. Following the charity game there were more than 150 people who danced the night away to classic and modern rock performed live by a band in the recreation room on the second floor of the arena.



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Home Builders Open A winners: Pappy Auto team



Home Builders Open B winners: Pump shop team



Homebuilders B finalists: Solid Burch
(Haliburton County Home Builders' Association)



Home Builders Open A finalists: Spit Monkeys team



Home Builders A winners: Wally's Garage
(Muskoka Homebuilders Association)



Home Builders B winners: Howe without Mayo
(Haliburton County Home Builders' Association)

Haliburton hosts mixed youth/bantam bonspiel



The Haliburton Curling Club's Youth/Bantam Curling Invitational Bonspiel were hosted team's from as far away as Peterborough. This is the fourth year for the event.

Left: Haliburton curlers Amber Loney, vice, and Jessica Kennedy, lead, faced off against a Minden team during the middle of day's action at the Haliburton Curling Club for the Youth/Bantam Curling Bonspiel on Saturday, Jan. 31.

Above: Flanked by Caitlin Cook, skip, and Jessica Kennedy, lead, Amber Loney lets her rock slide to the house during their end against a Minden team.

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Bantam teams (under 16) led by Andrew Flower finished fourth and Curtis Nichols' team earned sixth.

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Flying high:

While others dug their way out after the snow storm last week to get to work Ryan Dawson was catching some air at Sir Sam's Ski Area in Eagle Lake. Mainly high school students off from school due to exams were enjoying the conditions that were favourable for snowboarding and skiing. Resort management said 6-8 inches of snow fell on Monday and Tuesday last week resulting in a base of close to 60 cm.

February ushers in new challenges for nordic skiers

January's cold weather has given way to the lovely lassie that is early February. Usually we reach our peak of snow pack toward the middle of the month, and often the ski surface is a nice forgiving powder that is easy to wax for. It also provides a pleasant cushion should you wipe out on a downhill.

One might just as well enjoy the chilly temperatures while they last — they also

have a certain charm. This is a great time of year to head for one of the shelters at Moosewoods, there are three, including the chalet building at the trail head. Why not make an outing of it with friends? The furthest shelter also yields a pleasant view of one of the ponds, and it is a particular treasure.

Cold snow can be frustrating because skis are slow in cold, fresh snow, and

this is especially true for skate skiers. When you're out skiing, remember: it's all in the glide.

When it's cold, many skiers who ski both styles will choose to ski the classic (or diagonal) stride. The smooth track gives better glide than the powdery skating track. Even if you have your skating skis on you can use the track to double pole on flat stretches and gentle down-hill runs. Also, cold days usually mean that the track is firm, so grip waxing is relatively easy and hill climbing is often easier in the track.

The Haliburton-Muskoka Senior Winter Games Cross Country Skiing Competition will occur on Tuesday February 17th, 2004. Meet at the

Clubhouse at Glebe Park from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. to register (the fee is \$6.00). Participants may practice ski the 5 km loop. This practice ski is optional and

competitors must be ready at the start line to compete in the timed Competition beginning at 11:00 a.m. sharp.

This is a time-prediction competition. Ribbons and pins will be awarded to

the winning competitors at a luncheon event in June. The senior (that means 55 years or older) woman and man who win this competition will qualify to compete against the rest of the province at the Ontario Senior Winter Games in Barrie Ontario in February 2005. For further information call Pauline Plooard (286-1590) or Don Finigan (457-2487).

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Parents end up doing assignments

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utes of homework per day increasing at 10 minute intervals as grade level increases. This means that four and five-year-old children are expected to be doing 10 minutes of homework at night and that a six-year-old in Grade 1 should be doing 20 minutes of homework at night. This sounds reasonable until you consider that these children have already spent six hours of their day doing school work.

When you consider that the majority of parents are not getting home from work until six o'clock in the evening and then have to prepare a meal to meet the nutritional needs of a growing child, eat that meal and then clean up, it doesn't leave much time for homework. My children, by the time they get home from school, are pretty much exhausted and are falling asleep at the supper table. Trying to get them to do homework in the evening just turns into a big fight and I have heard that the same is happening in

many other households. As a result much or all of the homework ends up being done by the parents.

A child who is tired cannot be learning much when asked to do homework at seven or seven thirty at night. In addition we are being told, as noted in your paper, that our children are not active enough and so should be enrolled in some sort of extracurricular physical activity. These activities also help to enhance social skills. So twice a week we ask our tired children to go out to an extracurricular activity and then come home and do their homework.

Our children are supposed to be getting at least 9 to 10 hours of sleep at night as well. That means that they should be in bed by at least eight o'clock since they will have to be up at 6:30 the next morning to get ready for school. I think that it is obvious that for many families what ends up happening is that everyone winds up tired and cranky a lot of the time.

Children do not function well when

they are raced around to get ready for school, eat their dinner, get to that extracurricular activity and then come home to do homework and get hurriedly ready for bed so they are able to get up in the morning to get out to the school bus on time. For that matter neither do parents. Instead of taking time to enjoy the time we have with our children, which is usually only a couple of hours in the evening, we are trying to cram in all of the things we are told we should be doing, including homework. The type of stressful environment that is created by this situation is not good for any child.

This weekend my six-year-old was sent home with a project from school. My idea of an appropriate project for this age level would be to tell what your family did over the weekend or draw a picture of your favourite winter activity and tell what it is. This project, however, includes choosing a famous Canadian, writing a 10 sentence report on that person, putting it in an appropriate format and presenting it to the class. Who do

you think is going to be doing this project? When asked, my son didn't even know what a "famous" Canadian was let alone the name of one he would like to research and do a project on. It ended up that I picked the person to do the report on and found some information on the internet about this person. Most of the rest of the project will probably fall to Mommy as well. Since I have already been to public school and successfully graduated I really don't see how this project will benefit me or my six-year-old.

I have forwarded a copy of a letter similar to this one outlining my concerns about homework and other school issues to the Minister of Education. I would encourage all parents who have similar concerns to do the same. There is an Ontario Ministry of Education website on the internet through which you can send a letter by e-mail, or of course there is always conventional mail.

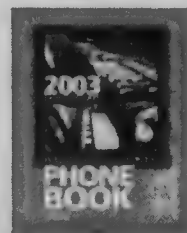
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Seniors housing coming

To the Editor:

I have read with great interest the articles and editorial in the *Echo* of Jan. 14/04 which talk about housing for seniors, and which suggest that this type of accommodation doesn't exist. I wish to assure you that this type of accommodation will be available shortly in Haliburton County: Highland Gate Community in Minden, which is designed with seniors in mind.

We have received many expressions of interest as well as reservations from buyers who are interested in Highland Gate Community in Minden. This project has received approvals from the Minden Hills Council and is already under construction!! Just drive south on Deep Bay Road in Minden about a block past the hospital and you will see for yourself! The first building (model) is currently being built with expected occupancy later this spring, and more to follow shortly.

Highland Gate Community will have a variety of bungalow style accommodations including detached homes, semi detached homes and condominiums. The condominiums planned with eight in a group called "Cluster Homes, are on one floor designed for seniors and range from approximately 500 to 1100 sq. feet. Prices for these units will start at approximately \$125,000. The larger units are again designed for one floor living. The homes are close to shopping, banks, churches, the Minden Hospital, as well as the Community Centre, Curling rink.

I believe this accommodation addresses most of the needs expressed by Mrs. Lawrence in the article "Seniors need

housing alternative", i.e. "small place with no stairs, warm and cozy, able to walk to the grocery store, post office and bank." While one would not likely walk to the grocery store from Highland Gate, the bank, post office, community centre and churches are within walking distance.

Further, one will not have to worry about septic or wells as this project is on municipal water and sewers. The project is designed to require minimal maintenance (brick construction), and to be very easy to maintain so that those wishing to travel can just lock the door and go! Those wishing a maintenance program may select anything from full maintenance to simply snow removal or grass cutting, or no program at all. Again we have tried to address the needs of seniors, which vary widely.

We agree and have stated on numerous occasions that this type of accommodation is badly needed in Haliburton so that seniors who are no longer able to handle all the work associated with a larger or waterfront property can move to a beautiful community without leaving Haliburton.

They will be able to maintain their familiar association with friends, doctor, dentist, church, clubs, and amenities.

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Professor wants to know why we love cottaging

MATTHEW WALLS

Staff Reporter

The cottage experience still holds a real mystique, says Julia Harrison, an anthropology professor at Trent University.

"It's so much a part of what people see what life in Ontario is all about," she says.

Harrison wants to find out why Ontarians will "wax emotional" over their cottage, or why they see cottaging as fundamental to being a Canadian.

She hopes to interview at least 30 cottagers in Haliburton County over the next several summers. She'll use this material for a report, and possibly a book on cottaging.

Harrison says there's been little qualitative work done on the subject. There are a few studies in the States and some European countries, but very little in Ontario, she says.

Ideally Harrison wants to meet with her interview subjects several times over a summer or a couple of summers, take photographs and collect some demographic information, which she will keep confidential.

She wants to interview cottagers of all ages, both those with a long history of cottaging and who have inherited their cottage as well as those who recently purchased their cottage.

So while her research will provide historical information on cottaging in Haliburton County, which Harrison

thinks will be of interest to cottage associations, she wants to focus on what the cottage experience means to individuals.

Harrison has never cottaged herself, and as someone who grew up in Saskatchewan and Alberta, she says she finds it curious that Ontarians see cottaging as a Canadian experience, when people in other provinces don't own cottages.

She says she won't be entering her research with a set list of issues to talk about, but will let her interview subjects lead the conversations. Having done similar research on Canadian tourists the book was called *Being a Tourist: Finding Meaning in Pleasure Travel* -- Harrison finds that people really enjoy talking about their experiences.

She is willing to provide those interviewed with a tape of the interview, for their own family history.

Harrison says she chose Haliburton County because, unlike the Muskokas, Haliburton has a greater cross-section of middle and upper middle class.

Asked if she planned to interview those who would like to own a cottage but can't afford one, Harrison says it's an interesting dimension to cottaging, since class is a central issue for the cottage experience, though she didn't say she plans to interview such people.

If you would like to be part of the research, contact Harrison by phone (705 759-2348), email (jharrison@trentu.ca) or mail, Julia Harrison c/o Lady Eaton College, Trent University, Peterborough, ON K9J 7B8.

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Organizations request funds

Warden cautions that not all requests, or amounts, will be met

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Four groups came to county council on Wednesday seeking support for initiatives that are intended to improve the long-term health of the county's economy.

As he welcomed them to council, Warden Bill Davis warned them that they might be disappointed with the council's ability to support them in their endeavours.

"We run this county as a business," he said. "We weigh the presentations as to the best interests of the county. It's a hard process but we do listen and we recognize your presentations have some merit."

All groups which approached council have been asked to put their requests in writing. These requests will be considered as council drafts its next budget.

Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association

While \$100,000 from the Ministry of Natural Resources to start a trust fund goes a long way to providing sustainable funding for the association's fish hatchery, more assistance is needed to help the association promote and develop the county's fisheries.

As well as stocking tens of thousands of fish in local lakes, the hatchery is pivotal in the scientific research into Haliburton Gold, the glacial-relic lake trout that can be found nowhere else.

With the help of hard-working volunteers who gather fish eggs and raise them until the fingerlings can be released into lakes, the hatchery ensures a stable fishery in the county.

It is seeking financial assistance in one of four designated areas: the hatchery, administration, education and science research. Two years ago the county gave the hatchery \$20,000.

Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours

It would like \$30,000 in administrative funds to oversee the spending of the OSTAR funding received last year and \$25,000 to provide matching funds.

"We're confident it's a strategic investment in the county," said president Barrie Martin.

He and executive director Lindsay Elder outlined how the money will be spent over the next year, includ-

ing a breakdown of projects in each municipality.

Plans include co-ordinating the OSTAR funding, planning the second annual Hike Haliburton, promoting Adopt-A-Metre, which has the potential to raise \$3-million, continuing with corridor signage, sitting on the economic diversification and rail trail steering committees, planning the 2005 Ontario Trails Coalition conference, planning the rail trail rally in September, and developing and upgrading 60 km of trail through Hike Haliburton funding. (Martin noted there are many requests for backpacking trails; there are none in the county.)

Last year the county gave Trails and Tours \$30,000.

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We're supporting the airport solely out of the pockets of Algonquin Highlands taxpayers and we feel it benefits the entire county

ELEANOR HARRISON

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Stanhope Airport

Airport manager John Packer and Ann Lavery of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce plan to represent the Highlands at the prestigious air show in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

The cost of getting there and maintaining a booth at the Air Venture Conference is \$7,500 and assistance from various community partners is being sought. Packer wanted a \$2,500 commitment from the county.

"The mayor of Toronto said that four million Americans aren't coming to Toronto because of SARS and I thought this was a great opportunity to go and get 'em," Packer said. Roughly 770,000 people attend the show, which also attracts 11,000 aircraft.

He's already been approached by Haliburton Highlands Health Services to advertise the need for doctors at the show, and his board has agreed to the request. He'll also be bringing a video which highlights

the county's only airport and reasons to visit the Highlands.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said he is in favour of giving funding to Algonquin Highlands, which owns the airport, but he had difficulty in proving money to pay for the trip to Oshkosh. "I don't want to get into supporting people going to shows," he said, fearing that it would establish a precedent.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Tom Gardner welcomed any financial contributions, noting that his municipality paid to have footage of all municipalities incorporated into the promotional video, including \$1,500 this past summer for events in Highlands East.

"We're supporting the airport solely out of the pockets of Algonquin Highlands taxpayers and we feel it benefits the entire county," said Reeve Eleanor Harrison.

County council agreed to consider funding for the Stanhope Airport as part of its budget deliberations.

Tourism Haliburton

It's hard to get people to visit Haliburton if they don't know it exists. Haliburton Tourism wants to change that.

"I represent a group that's frustrated about not hearing about Haliburton [in the media]," said Scott de Savoye in his presentation. The members want to find low-cost ways of increasing Haliburton's profile through making travel writers more aware of what the county has to offer. "We don't think we'll ever be 'the' destination in Ontario; we want to be a preferred destination."

De Savoye is the manager of Delta Pinestone Resort, which has yet to reach 50 per cent occupancy in any given year. Other members of the fledgling organization represent various accommodations throughout the Highlands.

"Hotels [in this county] are bleeding and it's only a matter of time before we see fewer and fewer of them," he said. Haliburton Tourism was "born of need."

It has already established a comprehensive and attractive website which allows virtual visitors to find out what's available and make reservations on-line.

The organization did not make a formal request for financial assistance.

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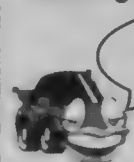
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Should shoreline be sold?

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Who decides if a road allowance leading to water has any significance to anyone other than its abutting neighbours?

Should the county be able to tell a municipality not to sell the road allowance or should municipalities be trusted to use their own discretion?

These questions were raised on Wednesday when county council was asked to pass a motion requiring an amendment to the county's official plan should a road allowance leading to water be sold.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey was against the idea, saying it would add significant costs and time delays to some developments. He argued that municipalities such as Dysart already have very strict rules on when such an allowance can be sold and that the decision should rest with the municipality.

"We take the business of closing a trail to water very seriously," Fearrey said.

All other municipalities in the county share the aversion to selling off the accesses unless there is very good reason, such as the existence of a building on the allowance or the grant of other waterfront land in lieu of the allowance.

However, Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison said, "It's all well and good to say our councils deal with it adequately when another council may deal with it differently later on. We may need some future protection."

That protection can be found in municipal official plans which clearly set out the rules for closure, Fearrey said. If a municipality wants to loosen those rules, then it would have to go through a public official plan amendment process.

"In the best interests of the longer term you need a fairly tight policy," said CAO Gary King.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy-Reeve Tom Gardner lobbied in favour of strict safeguards.

One hundred and fifty years ago, when the road allowances were first created, Gardner said that local politicians may have thought the land had no value if a steep incline from the shore made it impossible for a horse to traverse. They could not envision the future tourism potential of the waterfront.

So when Highlands East Deputy-Reeve Bill Howe mentioned that his municipality recently sold an allowance which ended at a cliff face, therefore making any access to and from the lake impossible, Gardner said that 20 years from now that cliff may be a popular destination for rock climbers.

"There are things that you think people will never use or need," he said, but that doesn't mean that those perceptions won't change as time passes.

In the end, council decided that the county OP will say that in the absence of municipal rules against the closure of road allowances leading to water, the allowance will not be sold without an amendment to the OP.



DARREN LUM/Echo

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The lengthy search is over and Highlands Summer Festival has announced the cast for this season's production of *The Sound of Music*.

Mills said the team of directors, including choreographer Julie Barban and musical director Mellisa Stevens, is excited with the talent they will be working with this

summer.

"In particular, we are pleased to welcome Kate Campbell back to the Highlands Summer Festival stage," Mills said. She will be playing the lead role of Maria.

A former Haliburton area resident, Campbell appeared in the first season of

Highlands Summer Festival before leaving to study dramatic arts at Sheridan College in Toronto. A graduate of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, Campbell appeared in a number of student and Little Theatre productions including *Grease*, *Anne of Green Gables* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, among others. Campbell was featured in the opening season in the musical review *Coping* and the touching dramatic play, *Salt Water Moon*.

Playing opposite her as Captain von Trapp will be Christopher Greaves. He appeared in the Highlands Little Theatre production of *Brigadoon* ten years ago.

The role of the Mother Abbess will be played by Festival veteran Lauren McInnes. She has appeared as a musician and actor in the Festival since its inception.

The eldest daughter of the von Trapp family, Liesl will be played by Jocelyn Regina, while the part of the young man

courting her, Rolf, will be played by David Morgan.

Tom Regina, who has appeared on the Festival stage each season since it began, will play the impresario Max, while newcomer Marilyn Hawley was chosen for the role of Elsa, the Baroness.

Everyone familiar with the story, will recall the seven von Trapp family children. In addition to Liesl, the cast for these roles includes: Shane Dibblee as Friedrich; Claire Flatman as Louisa; Jordyn Archer as Brigitta; Lauren Snelgrove as Marta; Justin vanLieshout as Kurt; and, the youngest child, Gretl, will be played by Clarissa Greaves.

The chorus of nuns includes Chris Archer, Ruth Carter, Dianne Greaves, Betty Mills, Jesse Pflugg, Laura Stouffer and Melissa Guyatt. Rounding out the cast will be Maureen Johnson as the housekeeper Frau Schmidt, Franz the butler, played by Jack Brezina and Max Ward in the role of Zeller.

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Echo Columnist Steve Galea showed how to and how not to luge after sliding at a local luge track. Photos by Darren Lum.



Medal dreams and local luges

STEVE GALEA

Special to the Echo

There I was flat on my back, sliding down 75 yards of ice covered hillside, feet first, at speeds approaching 40 kilometres per hour - which, believe me, seems a lot faster when your head is suspended six inches off the ground.

My heart was pumping, my brain was working overtime, and my feet, arms, and shoulders were doing exactly what was required - except for on that last turn, which I'd rather not talk about. The only difference between this and any other sliding experiences was a willingness to do so - and the luge beneath me.

As a result, the ride was far more enjoyable.

Echo Photo Editor Darren Lum and I were on a scenic hillside overlooking Redstone Lake Road at the behest of Kurt Herzog, an affable Swiss-Canadian bed and breakfast owner, with an obvious fondness for speed and adrenalin. He invited us over to try our hand at the luge, an ancient European alpine sport that must have been invented by some crazy young Casanova trying to escape the wrath of his girlfriend's father - I can think of no other reason for needing so quick an escape. Essentially, we're talking about a small hammock on two long flexible skate-like skis; these things are light, maneuverable and fast - three things that make them truly memorable

and maybe even addictive.

Herzog gave us a taste of the excitement and exhilaration that accompanies sliding downhill on the icy, twisting turns of a natural luge track, also known as a naturbahn. It's something he's eager to pass along to others too.

And Herzog is infinitely qualified to do so. At 59, he is the oldest, and arguably, the most experienced active luge jockey in Canada. His sliding career is illustrious, dating back to 1967 when he saw the American luge team train.

The sport captivated him immediately and he quickly gave it a try. Two weeks later, he placed 11th in the North American Luge Championships and was the 4th overall Canadian competitor. His coach, in a masterstroke of understatement, said he had "natural ability."

By 1977, he had gained familiarity with most of the world's luge tracks and was a world-class contender. That year, he placed 11th in the doubles at the World Championships at Innsbruck, Austria, which he says was a fairly good showing for Canada, especially considering that our athletes had to drive down to Lake Placid, New York whenever they needed to train; no kunstbahn (artificial) luge tracks existed in this country. Unlike other competitors, Herzog had to juggle his passion for the sport with the rigors of self-employment. As a result, he could not devote full time hours to his development.

This, however, did not stop him from gaining a berth on the Canadian Olympic

luge team for the Lake Placid Winter Olympics shortly thereafter.

Unfortunately, Herzog's gold medal dreams were cut short by a "bad crash." That ended his serious competitive career although he won several other events after that unfortunate incident, including the Ontario luge championships, which were also held in Lake Placid.

Since then, he's been a passionate promoter of the sport and now he has gold medal dreams for others. "I want to give something back. It gets in your blood."

"There's a thrill in this sport. There's speed, excitement and a fear factor," he says, not surprising since his personal best speed is 148 kilometres per hour. "It's a radical sport. You get to let it fly."

Even so, Herzog stresses that with proper training and equipment, the sport is relatively safe. "Safety is our primary concern. At first we teach the basics and we don't permit novices to make unreasonable runs or reach speeds that are beyond their ability. Everyone wears helmets."

He is also President of the Ontario Luge Association as well as Bahnmeister (trackmaster) of the Redstone River Luge Club. The track we were on was created and designed by him and made real by the club's six other Directors who have donated long hours to its construction. President Robert Van Nood of Minden has high praise of the sport and his Bahnmeister, "It's an expensive, fun and wholesome activity for the young and

young at heart. It's taken two years but we're finally ready. Kurt provides incredible expertise...."

Using snowshoes and snowmobiles to pack down snow along an old logging road and carrying endless buckets of water uphill, the group has managed to make a surprisingly good naturbahn track some 200 metres in length. With more members to help maintain and develop the track, they foresee a day

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Herzog explains the basics of the luge.



DARREN LUM/Echo

Herzog is hopeful that the youth of today could become the Olympians of tomorrow. He believes they can do it here in the Highlands.

Olympic potential for any youth with the will and hardwork to match

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when participants can speed down 1.5 kilometres of slick, black ice.

The Redstone River Luge Club's track, a few minutes north of West Guilford, is only the second of its kind in Ontario. The first, is in Bancroft, and is owned and operated by Clay Ice, an Olympic bronze medallist who represented the US team and is Herzog's protégée and friend. Herzog credits local Contractor Larry Hewitt, the Haliburton Home Hardware and the Haliburton County Development Corporation for generous support in the development of his club's track.

Though the track is open on weekends, the club plans

a grand opening on Valentine's Day. Then Herzog and his crew hope to encourage membership and let people in on the fun. "We would love for people to join or support our club and we welcome any inquiries. With enough members we could build a clubhouse and expand the track. Most people only need to try it once...they're always amazed at how exciting it is."

Surprisingly, it is also an inexpensive activity with fees of \$20 per day for an adult and \$15 for a child. This includes coaching, sled rental, and helmet. The club also sells Laser sleds, meant for snow use and learning the fundamentals, for \$50 each. Bruce Smith, one of Canada's most accomplished luge Olympians and the designer of the Laser sled will visit the track on

February 7.

Herzog says, with a few exceptions, children must be at least be 10 years old to have the strength and coordination to handle a luge. Even so, he encourages starting them young.

"Our goal is to bring up some young athletes as Olympic contenders," he says.

"With the right dedication, talent and our facilities, it can be done. It is possible if a person has the will."

Aside from that, Herzog argues that the club's naturbahn is good for Haliburton's tourism and Canada. "Recently, the first naturbahn luge competition was held outside of Europe, in Grand Prairie, Alberta. It was a successful event and it was good for the sport. With improvement, I can see the day when our track might have what it takes to host another naturbahn world cup."

In any case, Darren and I had fun. And, maybe I'm getting a little ahead of myself here but I can almost taste that gold medal - provided, of course, that I learn to miss that stupid hay bale on the last corner.

For more information about the Redstone River Luge Club call Kurt at 705-754-4097.

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Trail head kiosk installed at Halls Lake

Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network sign design model for others

Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network and the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails Committee are thrilled that a two-sided trail head kiosk was "in the ground" prior to the end of 2003 - thanks to Hawk Lake Construction.

One side covers hiking trails in Algonquin Highlands and the other all the canoe routes.

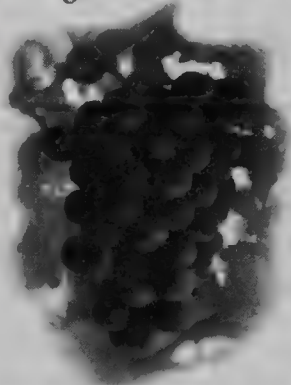
The Water Trails committee plans to install nine more signs early spring of 2004 in Algonquin Highlands and The Trails and Tours Network will install approximately 20 signs throughout the county by the end of 2004.

The Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network designed the trail head kiosk and has received some rave reviews - this is the proposed "look" for Haliburton County trail head signage and the Network encourages all trail groups to use the design.



Excited about the launch of the new Water Trails kiosk at Halls Lake are Eleanor Harrison, Reeve of Algonquin Highlands, and councilors Kerry Lock and Jim Hicks, Peter Brogden and Ray Laughlen, stellar Trails and Tours volunteers, Lindsay Elder and Karen Hoover from Trails and Tours, and Mark Coleman, Co-ordinator for Haliburton Highlands Water Trails. Not shown in the photo is the Ministry of Natural Resource's Bill Hutson. (The MNR's Ontario Living Legacy provided funding of \$250,000 for Water Trails and \$307,000 for Hike Haliburton.)

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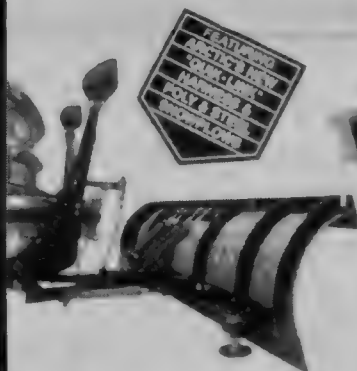
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Lake St. Peter Word of Life Clothing Outreach recycles gently used articles at new store

The other night I stood looking out my window from the 14th floor of the Sheridan in downtown Toronto. Below me was a very different landscape from that which I normally view from my tranquil back deck. I was no longer surrounded by gnarled century old pines reaching upward under a canopy of brilliant stars shining brightly in crisp night skies. I now looked out at a towering jungle of concrete and effulgent lights. A mix of Old City Hall versus New City Hall caught my attention. My mind that had been as busy as the traffic below finally relaxed and I was able to focus on the day's activities. I thought about how fortunate I was to be taking part in this Public Education Symposium along with over 250 other School Board Trustees representing over 1.5 million students from Kenora to Windsor to Ottawa and all regions in between.

In the past 25 years, Public Education in Ontario has witnessed the coming and going of over 10 Ministers of Education and countless School Board Trustees and here I was taking part in learning how to build a legacy of significance in Education. Methods of learning and classroom strategies have changed over the years and we must continue to take a broad view of education and look at the whole child and the whole community. There have been many challenges, changes, and suc-

cesses in our Haliburton Schools over the years. With open-minds, vision and optimism the challenges will continue to be successes.

This holds true in not only our local schools but in our communities as well. Community volunteers filled with vision and persistent optimism continue to bring many great things to our community.

community news

harcourt

Valerie Smith
448-3840

The community of Highland Grove, located on "The Loop- Hwy. 648" has some exciting news.... The old Highland Grove United Church has taken on a new life. For many years, it was a Place of Worship and in its basement the Community Ladies hosted bazaars and served up delicious meals. Following its closure it sat idle and empty, however, it has come to life again. A very industrious group, a branch of the Lake St. Peter Word of Life Clothing Outreach is branching out and has set up what promises to be an excellent place for people to donate and purchase gently used items. I have spoken with some of the organizers Clara Burt, Chris London and Lynn London who are so excited about this venture. They have indicated they have clothes for all sizes including newborn to oversize for both male and female, small appliances, dishes, toys and so much more. Hours of operation

will be Tuesday and Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Friday 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Need more information, please call Clara Burt at 448-3359 or Outreach at 448 9406.

In life, try to avoid being a "killer bee" - killing everything that is put forward. Endeavour to a "bumble bee" - hard working and always pulling people together.

More great up-coming events:

February 4, 2004 - Harcourt Community Centre. Bingo starting at 7:30 p.m.

February 5, 2004 - Harcourt Community Centre. Euchre starting at 7:30 p.m.

February 6, 2004 - Harcourt Community Centre - Pre Teen "Valentine" Dance. 8:00-11:00 P.M. \$3.00 Wear "Hearts" or "Something Red". Prizes to be given out for most imaginative Valentine fashion. Ages 7-16 years welcome. Please be prepared to show proof of age

February 8, 2004 - Harcourt Community Centre Hall Board Meeting starting at 7:00 p.m.

February 8, 2004 - Harcourt Community Chapel starting at 7:00 p.m. will be showing a video on Jesus teaching on circumstances and conditions as we approach the end of the age. This is the conclusion of a two part series.



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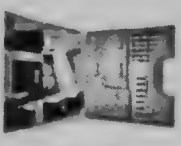
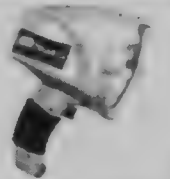
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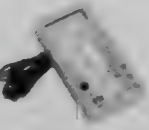
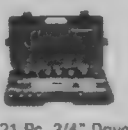
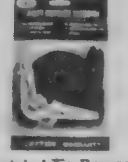
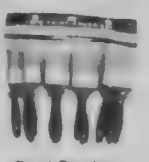
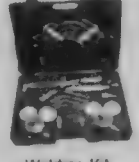
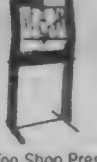
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Sorry to report the passing of a dear friend, Harry Hobden, husband of Neva and father of Bernard, Laverne, Ina, Velda and Terry. Our sympathy to all who are near and dear to this family.

Several local residents contributed significantly to the success of Burns Night on Jan. 24 at the Legion. Bill Elliott gave the tribute to Burns, ending with a toast to the bard of Scotland, and also proposed a toast to the ladies. He addressed the boys in humorous and vigorous style with the traditional verse to same. Jim Milne organized the evening's pro-

gram. Kathleen Owens participated in the Scottish Country dancing demonstration dances and as usual, Earl piped in the band sets and for the highland and national dances. Helen Elliott made the haggis to complete the buffet served by the Ladies Auxiliary. An enjoyable time was had by all.

The family news of the week is that of (Barbara) Betsie and the late Peter Kanters. Frank and Louise at the children of Betsie's first marriage. Frank Van Den Hoogen lives in B.C. with his wife, Debbie. Their son, Kevin is a marine engineer, having worked on the Great Lakes and on ice-breakers. Louise Van Den Hoogen now lives full time with her mother.

Nicole (Kanters) and Don Fowler live in Uxbridge with their sons, Ryan and Adam.



Pioneer home remembered

The Thomas and Jane Moon House (1890-2003)
by Tom Hodgson

The Henwood's home that burned in November 2003 was built in 1890 in the Wiltshire style with a bay window overlooking an English flower garden.

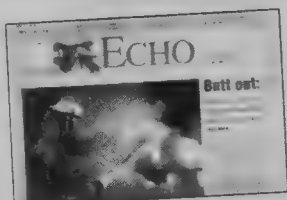
The Moons came from Wiltshire U.K. (1859) to Woodstock, Ont., then to Dysart in 1865. They raised their nine children here. They cleared the land and enjoyed a full life.

My great grandfather, Thomas Moon Sr., with his neighbours persuaded the councils of Dysart and Minden to build a union school which was constructed across the field from this house. He was a member of the first council elected for Dysart 1866. He served as reeve of Dysart (1892-94) and warden of the county (1891).

Margaret (Brant) Sisson told me the best parties remembered by older citizens were given at the Moon's and the

Ottos'.

The Moon house was truly a pioneer home. As a child my sister Margaret (Downey) and I would ramble around the Moon house which had not changed from Victorian times. The echoes of struggle, family life, music, laughter, dances and good food must have brought poignant memories to the surviving members of the Moon family in the 1930s and 1940s.



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Munchkins coming to Wilberforce

Loop Troupe rehearsals have begun

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Rehearsals have begun for the Loop Troupe's production of the Wizard of Oz. Last Wednesday evening Munchkins, Witches, Dorothys, Toto et al all turned out to read through the script and get to know each other. Rehearsals will take place Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons for most weeks until "Show Time" the last Fri. and Sat. in March and the first Fri. and Sat. in April.

The Gentlemen of Song presented some delightful numbers at the Wilberforce United Church on Feb. 1, 2004. Together with a delicious breakfast before the service it made for a good time for all.

We have learned of the death of Mrs. Violet Meades. She was the wife of the late Reverend George Meades. They served at St. Margaret's Church, Wilberforce a number of years ago. They lived for several years at the

Dyno Estates and worked at the Anglican Church in Apsley at the same time. Mrs. Meades entered into rest at the age of 101 on January 30, 2004 in Lindsay. Condolences are extended to her daughter Ruth and her husband Ed Waterhouse and all her family and friends. The Meades are fondly remembered by the people of St. Margaret's.

The Recreation Committee meets Tues. Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. to discuss efforts for 2004.

Condolences are extended to Doug and Gil Stephens. Doug's mother, Ethel Stephen died on January 26, 2004 in Scarborough. She was in her 92nd year. Memorial service was held at Knox United Church, Scarborough on Saturday, January 31, 2004.

The meeting about Water is Wilberforce held on Tues. Jan. 27 was very well attended. People are very divided on what should be done. Something has to be done in the next year so that the Municipal Building can operate. Good luck to council on this very difficult problem.



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NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION TO PURCHASE ROAD ALLOWANCE MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

DATE: February 9th, 2004
TIME: any person who wishes to address Council should contact the Planning Department for a delegation time.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, Municipal Office, Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

The Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has by resolution declared the following parcels of land to be surplus. These parcels of land are parts of original road allowances, allowances for road or shoreline road allowances, located in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton.

- Applicant:** Habib/Appleby
Location: -
 • Shoreline Road Allowance
 • Part of the Shoreline Road Allowance In Front of Lot 4, Concession 8 Township of Harburn.
 • Defined as Parts 1, 2 and 3 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson Surveying Ltd., being available for review in the Planning Department.
- Applicant:** Peddie
Location: -
 • Shoreline Road Allowance
 • Part of the Shoreline Road Allowance In Front of Lot 1, Concession 14 Township of Havelock
 • Defined as Parts 1 and 2 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson Surveying Ltd., being available for review in the Planning Department.
- Applicants:** Pope
Location: -
 • Shoreline Road Allowance
 • Part of the Shoreline Road Allowance In Front of Lot 15, Concession 4 Township of Harburn
 • Defined as Parts 2 and 3 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by H. Curry Bishop, OLS., being available for review in the Planning Department.
- Applicants:** Sheard
Location: -
 • Shoreline Road Allowance
 • Part of the Shoreline Road Allowance In Front of Lot 7, Concession 7 Township of Dysart
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- Applicants:** Turner
Location: -
 • Shoreline Road Allowance
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 • Defined as Parts 1 and 2 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Coe Fisher Cameron OLS., being available for review in the Planning Department.
- Applicants:** Vasey
Location: -
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 • Defined as Parts 1, 2, 3 and 4 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson Surveying Ltd., being available for review in the Planning Department.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to consider and if deemed appropriate enact at its meeting as noted above, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey the portions of road allowance described above.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall at its meeting to be held as noted above, hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular offices hours (9:00 am. to 5:00 pm. Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 20th day of January, 2004.

Patricia E. Martin
 M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
 Municipal Planner



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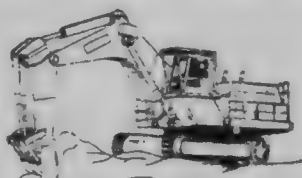
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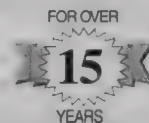
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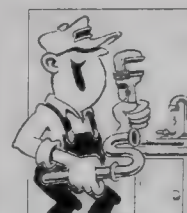


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are required to file the particulars of
such claim with the undersigned solic-
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the 10th day of February, 2004.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the last
date named, the assets of the said
Estate will be distributed amongst the
persons entitled hereto by the Estate
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only to the claims of which the solic-
itor below shall have notice.
DATED at Haliburton, Ontario this
14th day of January, 2004. RAY-
MOND G. SELBIE, Barrister, Solicitor,
P.O. Box 186, Haliburton, Ontario
K0M 1S0.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RONALD DOUGLAS LAWRENCE (R.D. LAWRENCE), deceased.

All creditors and others having claims
against the Estate of Ronald Douglas
Lawrence (R.D. LAWRENCE), late of the
township of Glamorgan, in the
County of Haliburton, who died on the
27th day of November, 2003, are re-
quired to file the particulars of such
claims with the undersigned solicitors
for the said Estate on or before the
21st day of March, 2004.

AND take notice that after the last day
named, the assets of the said Estate,
will be distributed among the persons
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the Trustee/Executor for the Estate
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DATED at Haliburton, Ontario this
28th day of January, 2004 by BISH-
OP AND ROGERS, Barristers and
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Ontario, K0M 1S0. Solicitors for the
Executor of the Estate of Ronald Dou-
glas Lawrence (R.D. Lawrence). CA

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LORNE CURTIS VENTRESS, deceased.

All creditors and others having claims
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TIS VENTRESS, late of the township of
Dudley, in the County of Haliburton,
who died on the 12th day of Aug-
ust, 2003, are required to file the par-
ticulars of such claims with the under-
signed solicitors for the said Estate on
or before the 21st day of March, 2004.
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Executors of the Estate of Lorne Cur-
tis Ventress. CA

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ESTELLE MARGUERITE BALDRY, deceased.

All creditors and others having claims
against the Estate of ESTELLE MAR-
GUERITE BALDRY, late of the town-
ship of Dysart, in the County of Hal-
iburton, who died on the 13th day of
January, 2003, are required to file the
particulars of such claims with the un-
dersigned solicitors for the said Es-
tate on or before the 21st day of
March, 2004.

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will be distributed among the persons
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Executor of the Estate of Estelle Mar-
guerite Baldry. CA

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I WOULD LIKE TO THANK family
and friends for all their kindness and
sympathy during my mother Betty
Grants illness and passing. I greatly
appreciate all the cards, flowers and
donations. I would like to thank Ben-
jamin Park Memorial Chapel, Halibur-
ton Hospital, Dr. Conway and the Hal-
iburton Community Funeral Home for
their kindness. A special thanks to
Barb Smith, Ruth Mitchell, the Hal-
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daughter-in-law Kathy.

GILBERT, MERVIN - In loving mem-
ory of Dad who left us 4 years ago,
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It's so strange that those we need
Are just the ones God calls away
And takes them Home to rest
But every time I think of Dad
I seem to hear God say
Have faith and trust my promise
You'll meet again some day.
Loved too much to be forgotten.
Rhonda and Mervyn.

450 IN MEMORIAM

GILBERT, MERVIN - In loving mem-
ory of my dear husband who left me
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As time goes by without you
And the days turn into years
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Love Ruby.

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And Chat awhile
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bered, daughter Nell and Families.

460 OBITUARIES

WILLIAM HENRY "Harry" HOBDEN

Passed away peacefully at the
Peterborough Civic Hospital on
Wednesday, January 28, 2004.
In his 75th year.

Beloved husband of 53 years to Gene-
va "Neva" (nee Sisson). Dear father
of Ina and her husband Rick Snell,
Bernard, Velda, Laveme and his wife
Pam, and Terry. Loving grandfather
of 11 grandchildren and 2 great
grandchildren. Dear brother Blanche,
Doris, Walter and his wife Liz, brother-
in-law of Terry and Linda, Dale and
Heather, Jane, Orie and Faye, and
Corinne. Predeceased by his grand-
son Greg and by many brothers and
sisters. Fondly remembered by many
nieces, nephews, family and friends.
Friends were invited to visit the fam-
ily at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral
Home Ltd., Minden on Friday from 3-
5 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service in the
chapel on Saturday, January 31, 2004
at 1:00 p.m. Spring Interment at Ma-
ple Lake United Church Cemetery.
Memorial Donations to the Haliburton
Highlands Health Services Founda-
tion or to the Canadian Cancer Soci-
ety would be appreciated by the fam-
ily. Masonic Service at the Funeral
Home on Friday at 8:30 p.m. CA

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At Rest

John Gunning

On February 2, 2004 after a
lengthy illness, with courage
and dignity that characterized
his life, John Gunning in his
61st year died surrounded by
those he loved.

Beloved husband, partner in
love, life and business of
Wendy. Proud and loving
father of Michael, Haliburton
and D.J., Whistler, B.C. John
will be sadly missed by father
William (Eileen, 2002) and
sister Marilyn Spencer and
family.

Cherished son-in-law of
Walter and Vivian Schussler
and brother-in-law of Peter
Schussler.

Supported and encouraged to
the end by his great friends
Jean Edouard de Marenches
and Martha Perkins who
helped keep his spirits up.

A special thank you to the
staff at County Commercial
Printers for all their support.

The family will receive friends
at the Gordon Monk Funeral
Home, Minden on Thursday
February 5 from 2:00 to
4:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Funeral service on Friday
February 6 at 2:00 p.m. at
Lakeside Baptist Church,
Haliburton. In lieu of flowers
please consider a donation to
the Haliburton Highlands
Health Services Foundation.

460 OBITUARIES



Mrs. Bernadette
(Bernie) Cottrell nee
Poirier 1918-2004

It is with heavy hearts we
announce the passing of
Bernadette Cottrell, peacefully at
Dryden Regional Health Centre
surrounded by her family on
January 22nd, 2004. Bernie was
a loving mother, grandmother and
friend. She embodied all that is
true, graceful and generous.
Bernie was predeceased by her
best friend and husband Arthur
Benjamin in 1995. She is
survived by her two sisters Mary
(Angus) McKay and Josie Jones,
sons David (Sara) Cottrell of
Barrie, ON, Mark (Brenda) Cottrell
of Balmertown, ON and John
(Cheryl) Cottrell of Dryden, ON
and grandchildren, Abbey,
Benjamin, Ivan, Dayle, Nila,
Graham, Sarah and Stephanie.
Also left to mourn are many
nieces, nephews and numerous
friends, old and new from
Inverness and Halifax in Nova
Scotia, to Montreal Quebec to
Peterborough, Toronto, Black
Lake, Minden, Terrace Bay,
Manitowage, Dryden, Red Lake
in Ontario, to Maple Leaf Estates
in Florida. Bernie was a loving
and caring mother to her sons and
an inspiration of faith and
guidance to her grandchildren.
She strongly embraced the
Catholic faith, lived life to the
fullest and was happiest
entertaining her family and many
friends with her wonderful
cooking, baking and card playing
abilities. Bertha Bernadette
Cottrell will live forever in the
hearts and memories of the many
people whose lives she touched.
Funeral Mass was held on
Monday January 26th at 11:00
a.m. at St. Joseph's Roman
Catholic Church in Dryden, ON,
Father Luigi Filippini officiating.
Interment of ashes to be held at a
later date. In lieu of flowers,
donations may be made to the
Minden Hospital through the
Dryden Community Funeral
Home, 249 Grand Trunk Ave.,
Dryden, ON P8N 2X3
Expressions of sympathy may be
sent to dcfh@mail.drytel.net
Subject Heading: Bernie Cottrell

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at 5 p.m.

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community calendar

What's happening in the Highlands

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CURRENT EVENTS

- Feb. 3: It's Bake Day at the Ontario Early Years Centre (Minden). We will be making Fruit Kebobs at 11 a.m. Call 286-1770 for info.
- Feb. 4: Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary meeting at 1:30 p.m. at the hospital.
- Feb. 4: Wednesday Night Fun Volleyball - Meet people and have fun playing. Wed. night 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (anyone over the age of 18 years old). Call Harold 457-9525.
- Feb. 5: L.I.F.T. Ladies In Fellowship Together - 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. West Guilford Recreation Centre. Speaker and Music: Glenda Burk, Feature: Cathy Stouffer, Masters Book Store. * Now wheelchair accessible. Lyn 457-3155 or Alice 754-2808.
- Feb. 9: T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) members invite you to come to an OPEN HOUSE. It's February 9th, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Home Support Office, Halco Plaza. Have the chance of winning a door prize by attending! All are welcome. For more info. call, Yvonne at 286-4905 or Judy at 489-3027.
- Feb. 9 & 16: The Senior Winter Games continues with Badminton Mixed Doubles at Archie Stouffer Elementary School from 7:45 - 9:45 p.m. Please call Lois at 286-1765 for details.
- Feb. 9, 16 & 23: Ontario Early Years Centre Haliburton Victoria Brock - Kids Have Stress Too! This workshop series helps you as a parent to better understand stress and get ideas to help teach your child ways to manage it. Feb. 9, 16 & 23 at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Minden. For info or to register call Bev at 286-1770. Childcare available upon request.
- Feb. 10: The Haliburton Highlands Handweavers & Spinners invite you to their monthly meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Pat Campbell will teach Pin Weaving, there will be a small material fee. Feb. 10 at 1:30 p.m. at Pritchard House Minden.
- Feb. 11: The regular meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will be held at the Minden Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. Doors open at 6 p.m. Speaker at 7 p.m. will be Guy Scott - "Country Fairs" - the subject of his new book. No charge - everyone welcome. Refreshments available. For details contact Gail Leach-Wunker 286-2225.
- Feb. 12: Valentine Luau and Pot Luck lunch at the Ontario Early Years Centre (Minden) from 10 a.m. to 1

ON-GOING EVENTS

- Haliburton County Home Support Services is in Urgent need of a Volunteer Driver in the Carnarvon area. Our Transportation service assists clients needing to attend medical appointments, shopping, and social or recreational activities where friends and relatives are not available or able to provide transportation. Call Roxanne if you would be interested in Volunteer Driving, 457-2941.

Events listings are provided FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editorial@haliburtonecho.on.ca., or brought in to the office. Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.

NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands.

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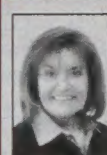


Troy Austen*
Linda Baumgartner*

HALIBURTON - COUNTY RD. 1

Large family home minutes from Haliburton featuring - 3 bedrooms up, 1 in bsmt, oak kitchen, sunken LR, DR w/ maple flr & lrg windows, family room with fireplace, hardwood flr, sliding doors to deck, central 4 pce bath, mstr bdrm w/ 3 pce ensuite & dble closets, main flr laundry, central vac, HRV systems, dr. well, 2.18 acres. Call Linda & Troy.

\$179,000



Julie Gray*

PORTAGE LAKE

Immaculate & well maintained 3 bdrm. home/cottage on private, densely wooded lot w/brick ext., steel roof & security system. Huge living area, sep. DR, Canac kitchen, screened porch, sunroom. All overlooking Lake. Insulated bunkie at lake w/hydro & storage bldg. Must See! Call Julie

\$249,000



REDSTONE LAKE

Over 33 acres of priv. in this 3 yr. old architecturally designed log home set in quiet cover of Lk. which exits into scenic white water river. Features a great rm., w/2 1/2 storey, radiant ht., FP, oak pine & ceramic floors. Hollywood kit., full bsmt, dble. garage, 2000 sq.ft. covered decking & level wkwy. to lk. for grt. swimming. Call Julie

\$895,000



NEW LISTING



Rosalind Bagg*

COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITY

2 Well located level bldg lots in busy commercial area of village of Haliburton. One has a drilled well & both serviced. By sewer. Must be sold as a package.

Listed at \$99,000 each
Call Ros Bagg

PRIME BUILDING LOT

County Road 6 Prime Building lot. View of Cranberry lake, docking possibilities across road. Lovely forest setting, neighbours but private. 10 mins to Sir Sam's Ski Hill - Residence or Recreation.

\$30,000
Call Ros Bagg



Bill Kulas*

MOUNTAIN LAKE

Modern, open concept waterfront property. Built new in 1993. Sep. DR, vaulted ceiling in LR, lge. wrap around deck. Full walkout basement. Guest bunkie. 151 ft. of sandy shoreline with expansive lake view. A must see! Call Bill Kulas

\$399,000



HALLS LAKE

This newly listed 3 bdrm. waterfront cottage/home features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, brick fireplace, 2 car detached garage and much more! Level lot with sandy frontage and an awesome view. Vendor relocating. Call Bill Kulas

Asking \$269,000



Ken Barry**

HARBURN ROAD

2 Bdrm country home on a private, level 2 acre lot with a little TLC and a few finishing touches. It might be just the affordable home you're looking for. Call Ken Barry

\$115,000



WEST GUILFORD

This charming well kept 3 BR home is close to golfing, shopping, ski hill & public beach, detached garage & a barn for storage. Call Ken Barry

\$98,500



Cathy Lancia**

NEW LISTING ... NEW LISTING... NEW LISTING...

This bright 4 Season home/cottage on Little Kennisis Lake has been well planned and is fully usable for family fun. Facing WSW the waterfront is clean and offers both shallow sand & rocky deep water. The private lot is terraced and natural. The interior is finished in pine w/drywall and berber carpets. The pine kit., is lge. & welcoming. Skylights, a drilled well, 4 bathrms., & a lge. cedar deck are features with this pkg. The full basement is fin. except the floors, incl. FAO furn., 2 tanks, air cond., central vac. Over 2600 sq.ft. fin. living space. Call Cathy Lancia

\$489,700



Linda Beachli***

GREAT FAMILY HOME!

Wonderful 4 bdrm bungalow with sunporch, 3 washrooms, 2 FPs, & full bsmt with fin. rec rm & wet bar, 20x27 heated workshop & 16x22 att. gar. Call Linda Beachli

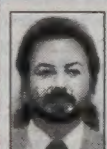
\$119,900



LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

Great waterfront brick bungalow located just outside of the town of Haliburton. 3 bdrms, 1-1/2 baths, full bsmt & gorgeous view. Call Linda Beachli

\$289,000



Rick Lowes*

MAPLE LAKE STORE

Was recently a thriving general store. Owners have retired, there are large living quarters, and many possibilities. Call Rick Lowes

\$119,900



WATERFRONT ACREAGE

Your own small lake, 1500 ft. owned shoreline west exposure, 36 lightly treed acres with highway access. Close to Minden.

\$99,000
Call Rick Lowes



Peter Brady**

BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME/COTTAGE HERE

Only 2 lots remaining to build your dream home on 5+ acres, on yr rd, across rd from beautiful Eagle Lake & both with breathtaking views. Call Peter Brady

\$39,900



WAITING FOR FIRST FAMILY!

Brand new chalet built on Tedious Lake with 160 ft. of waterfront & 2.1 acres of land. 3 BR's, 2 baths and full walkout bsmt. Call Peter Brady

\$319,000



Erwin Roithmeier*

FANTASTIC FAMILY HOME

Features: 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, fireplace w/insert, hardwood floors, ceramic tiles, family rm., rec rm., hot tub rm., pool & loads more. Call Erwin

\$169,000



HUNTING PROPERTY!

Well treed 96 acre parcel w/stream & small lake in the back, small cabin & new outhouse, property backs onto thousands of Acres of Crown Land, fronting on year rd, road, hydro & phone available.

\$65,000
Call Erwin Roithmeier

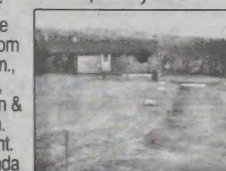


Geoff Bunn*
Miranda Newman*

DEEP BAY ROAD

Super Starter or Retirement Home located minutes from Minden. Two bdrm., one 4 pce. bath, bright eat-in kitchen & large living room. Walkout basement. Call Geoff & Miranda

\$118,000



VACANT IN-TOWN LOT

Level in-town building lot located in a quiet and private neighbourhood. Within walking distance to hospital, school, arena & downtown shopping. Township maintained road. \$14,900. Call Geoff & Miranda



Tom** & Gail*
Tempest*

HALIBURTON BY THE LAKE

Custom quality built Royal Home in a terrific neighbourhood for retirement or a family. Only 2 yrs. old w/many upgrades, completed landscaping and oversized dble. gar. Shows well. Call for appt. Call Tom & Gail

\$310,000



MOUNTAIN VIEW DR.

Custom built yr. md. home or cottage. Pine kit., 2 FPs, hot tub rm. & three lge. bdrms. Lge. deck for entertaining across front for great views. New docks. Child friendly, hard sand bottom for great swimming. Call Tom & Gail

\$399,000



Fred Chapple*

SOUTH LAKE VIEW

Nice 70'x12' mobile trailer w/lge. addition (980 sq.ft.) 3 bdrm. Lovely view of South Lake from the deck & steps away from the lake & great beach. This seasonal cottage is a bargain. \$19,900. Call Fred Chapple



Ted Vasey*

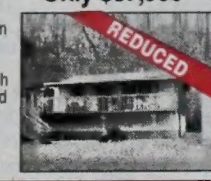
WATERFRONT LOTS CEDAR LAKE

155 feet on lake, .85 acres, gentle sloping lot, nicely treed, driveway installed, southern view. Asking \$45,000 Call Ted Vasey

MISKWABI LAKE ACCESS

Well maintained 3 bdrm home/cottage, w/o kitchen to sunporch & deck. Cozy living rm with airtight stove, unfinished bsmt, garage, deeded access to lake across road. Immaculate. Call Ted Vasey

Only \$87,900



REDUCED



Vince Duchene**

3 YEAR OLD HOME

1,908 sq.ft. in Haliburton by the lake subdivision. Beautifully finished home, 3 baths, rec room & bright open kitchen/living room. Call Vince Duchene

\$259,900



SCENIC, NICELY TREED,

small usable cabin, driveway in. Lots of pines & ready to build your home on. Outstanding lot only 5 minutes from Haliburton. Call Vince Duchene

\$34,900



Melanie Vigrass*

HWY 648 LOT

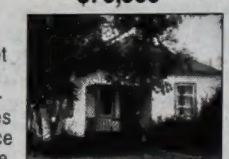
Level building lot with sandy soil and 683 ft. frontage on Highway #648. Larger trees along lot lines. V.T.B. available to qualified buyer with \$5,000 down.

\$19,900
Call Melanie

MINDEN

Enchanting 2 bdrm home in-town on a quiet dead-end street features front porch charm and high ceilings. Recent upgrades include: hydro, furnace & oil tank. Call Melanie

\$79,900



Lenor Fulton*
Tracy Ackertblade*

MAPLE LAKE

Custom Log Home. Beautiful 3 bdrm. 4 Season home. Huge wrap around deck overlooks beautifully landscaped lawn. A must see.

\$264,900
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